appointed Members of the General Economic Conference in pursuance of Government Order No. Rel. 142-218—E. C. 8-26-1, dated the 22nd September 1926:—

1. Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah (Hassan).
2. „ C. B. Gopala Rao (Kolar).
3. „ B. Abdur Rahmon (Bangalore).

C. RANGANATHA RAO SAHIB,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Symbols.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 1330-44—L. B. 25-26-4, dated the 24th August 1926, approving of 8 symbols for being assigned to candidates at elections to the District Boards in order to enable any illiterate voter to identify the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

2. Government Order No. L. 2091-105—L. B. 25-26-9, dated the 16th September 1926, adding 4 more symbols to those prescribed in the Government Order read above.

3. Letter No. D. 2205—26, dated the 23rd October 1926, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, suggesting that in view of the large number of candidates standing for elections from general constituencies some more symbols such as (1) Ship, (2) Camel and (3) Sword may be prescribed in addition to those already sanctioned in the Government Orders read above.

ORDER NO. L. 2757-69—L. B. 25-26-13, DATED 29TH OCTOBER 1926.

The following 3 symbols are approved by Government, to meet the contingencies, referred to by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District:— (1) Ship, (2) Camel and (3) Sword.

2. The blocks for the additional symbols also shall be prepared and kept ready by the Superintendent, Government Press, for printing on the form of the voting paper.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Special Localities Allowances.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 6723-72—S. & A. 166-19-1, dated 24th March 1920, issuing rules regulating the grant of allowances to officers stationed in unhealthy and specially expensive localities.

ORDER NO. FL. 3290-349—S. & A. 101-25-2, DATED 27TH OCTOBER 1926.

Certain allowances called Malnad and Semi-malnad allowances are now being given to some officers stationed in the four Districts of Shimoga, Kadur, Hassan and Mysore. But the whole arrangement is full of anomalies. Officers of some Departments get these allowances while those of others do not, though all of them are working at the same places. Even in the same Department some of its officers get these allowances while others do not. In some cases, even in the same department the rates allowed differ. These distinctions and divergences are indefensible and they have formed the subject of discussion both in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. Repeated representations have also been made for the grant of malnad allowances to school masters, residing in Malnad districts.

2. An attempt at introducing a uniform arrangement was made in 1920 and Government agreed with the Local Allowance Committee which considered the question that officials of all Departments (on pay not exceeding Rs. 100) stationed in Malnad and other specially unhealthy or expensive localities should be treated alike and given a uniform rate of allowance. As the Committee's recommendations involved additional expenditure, Government decided in the order read above that they might

be given effect to as soon as funds were available, but the decision has not so far been given effect to.

The position has, besides, since altered in some respects and it is necessary therefore to review it again with a view to remove, as far as possible, the inconsistencies in the existing arrangement and to limit the additional expenditure to the minimum.

3. After a careful consideration of the question in all its aspects, Government are pleased to issue the following rules for the grant of Special Localities Allowances, in supersession of all existing orders (except as specified below) relating to Malnad and Semi-malnad allowances and also allowances to officers stationed in unhealthy tracts and specially expensive localities, *viz.*, Krishnarajasagara, Hiriyur and Kolar Gold Fields:—

(i) Officers in superior service who are stationed in places specified in Appendix S of the Mysore Service Regulations and in Krishnarajasagara, Hiriyur and the Kolar Gold Fields, and whose emoluments do not exceed Rs. 50 per mensem will be permitted to draw "Special Locality Allowances" at the rate of one anna per rupee subject to a minimum of Rs. 1-8-0 per mensem.

Note.—Emoluments for this purpose will include pay, allowances of all kinds excluding only travelling allowance and pension, if any, drawn for past service.

(ii) The allowances now drawn on account of unhealthiness of locality or costliness of living by officers on pay exceeding Rs. 50 residing in the localities referred to above, will cease with effect from the date on which the new rules come into force the present incumbents being permitted, however, to draw them till they are transferred.

(iii) Members of menial establishments working in the areas specified above, will not be entitled to the "Special Locality Allowances." Such of those officers as are now drawing special allowances in Malnad or other special areas will however continue to do so and these allowances will cease on change of incumbents.

(iv) These rules will not apply to officers in the Military, Railway and Police Departments in respect of whom the existing orders will apply, until the cases of these Departments are considered and separate orders are passed regarding them.

4. The revision of "Special Localities Allowances" according to the above rules involves an extra cost of about Rs. 6,843 per annum, when it is fully brought into effect. The new rules sanctioned in this order will come into force from the 1st July 1927, except in regard to the discontinuance under rules (ii) and (iii) of existing allowances, which will be given effect to as soon as the conditions contemplated in the rules occur. The Comptroller is requested to make the necessary provision in the next year's budget.

B. SRINIVASIENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Advances for House-building.

ORDER No. Fl. 3402-461—G. F. 86-26-1, DATED 1ST NOVEMBER 1926.

Under existing orders (*vide* Article 263, Mysore Account Code, Volume I) house-building advances up to twelve months' pay are admissible to Officers who desire to build houses for their occupation in important towns having extensions laid out in accordance with regular schemes, and advances for house-building in other places are limited to 6 months' pay.

2. As the limit of 6 months' pay is represented to be too low, Government are pleased to direct that the higher limit of 12 months' pay be applied uniformly to advances for house-building by Government Officers in all places in the State where no houses are available and where house rent is exceptionally high.

3. The Comptroller is requested to issue necessary amendments to Mysore Account Code, Volume I.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.